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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6759

BILL NUMBER: SB 219

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Immunization Registry and Pertussis Booster.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill includes a physician's designee and a pharmacist's designee as persons who may provide immunization data to the immunization data registry. The bill adds a provider's designee and a child placing agency as persons to whom the State Department of Health may release information from the immunization data registry.

The bill also requires a child to receive a pertussis immunization booster before the child is 12 years of age.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill expands the entities that may request immunization information from the State Department of Health (SDH). The bill will increase the workload of the SDH to the extent that additional requests for information are submitted.

Additionally, the legislation adds that all children residing in Indiana are required to receive a pertussis (whooping cough) immunization before the age of 12. Under IC 20-34-4-4, if a parent cannot secure immunizations for their child, the local health department may provide the immunization. Additionally, these immunizations may be furnished by either the local health board or SDH. SDH may experience increases in expenditures to the extent they provide immunizations to local health departments for the immunization of children.

SDH reports that the Federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program administered by the U.S. Center for Disease Control currently provides all recommended vaccines to eligible children at no cost. Included in the list of recommended vaccines is the pertussis immunization; however, there is no mention of booster

immunizations. Eligible children are those under the age of 18 and are any one of the following: (1) eligible for Medicaid, (2) without health insurance, (3) American Indian, (4) Alaskan Native, or (5) have health insurance that does not cover vaccines. Program participants are not liable for the costs of the immunization, only a processing fee. Requiring children to obtain the whooping cough booster immunization may not increase state expenditures if indigent children qualify and obtain immunizations under the VFC program.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Under the bill, local school corporations may have to ensure that children receive the required booster immunization unless there is an allowable reason that the child should not be immunized.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: SDH.

Local Agencies Affected: Local school corporations.

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